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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 20, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the June 20, 2002 Office Action ("Office Action"). Because July 20, 2002 falls on a Saturday, this response is due the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday and is due July 22, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested.

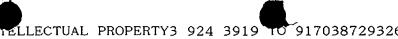
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